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## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please insert the following text at page 1, line 1 after the title:

## **RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is a National Phase application of PCT/GB03/001458 filed on April 3, 2003 and published in English, which claims priority from Applications GB 0208568.6 filed on April 12, 2002, GB 0209974.5 filed on May 1, 2002 and GB 0219102.1 filed on August 16, 2002, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

#### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following text at page 1, line 5:

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following text at page 2, line 8:

### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following text at page 7, line 2:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following text at page 7, line 19:

Figure 6 shows optical circuitry with optical fibres leading to and from the same being laid between opposed portions of a flexible, metallised tamper-evident closure sheet;

Figure 7 shows the two portions of the closure sheet sealed around the fibres;

Figure 8 shows the assembly after rotation of the closure sheet in the sense indicated by the arrows in Fig. 2;

Figure 9 shows the assembly of Fig. 3 being brought towards the tray-type container;

Figure 10 shows the enclosure resulting from Fig. 4;

Figure 11 shows an alternative position of the fibre entry and exit seals achieved

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simply by altering the shape and arrangement of the closure sheet; and

Figures 12 and 13 show the aforementioned less favourable arrangement, not according to the present invention, wherein the fibres are sealed between the closure sheet and the container surface.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

Please delete the paragraphs on page 12, beginning at line 16 through 29 as follows:

Specific embodiments of this variant of the present invention will now be described by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 6 shows optical circuitry with optical fibres leading to and from the same being laid between opposed portions of a flexible, metallised tamper-evident closure sheet;

Figure 7 shows the two portions of the closure sheet sealed around the fibres;

Figure 8 shows the assembly after rotation of the closure sheet in the sense indicated by the arrows in Fig. 2;

Figure 9 shows the assembly of Fig. 3 being brought towards the tray-type container; Figure 10 shows the enclosure resulting from Fig. 4;

Figure 11 shows an alternative position of the fibre entry and exit seals achieved simply by altering the shape and arrangement of the closure sheet; and

Figures 12 and 13 show the aforementioned less favourable arrangement, not according to the present invention, wherein the fibres are sealed between the closure sheet and the container surface.

Please replace the Abstract at page 12 with the following:

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE OPTICAL CIRCUIT ENCLOSURE

In one aspect the invention provides an optical circuit enclosure [[(10)]] enclosing at least one optical circuit or optical circuit component; the enclosure comprises: a tray type container [[(12)]] containing at least one optical circuit or optical circuit component [[(18)]]; a tray type closure member [[(20)]] closing the container; the closure member containing at least one

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further optical circuit component on an external side thereof for optically connecting the enclosed component to an external optical circuit; and sealing means [[(26)]] providing a moisture resistant seal between the container and the closure member.

[Fig. 1b]